

PENTAGON TO GET SOME CIA DUTIES

Plan to Give Kennedy Aids
To Coordinate War Control

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The Department of Defense will soon be taking on some of the responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency in the field of conventional warfare and the defense of the United States.

According to those sources, some of the operational functions of the Central Intelligence Agency will be transferred to the Department of Defense in the recent military action against Cuba. Will be transferred to the Department of Defense in the recent military action against Cuba.

Consequently, it is understood that the Defense Department will also assume within the next few months the functions of the Office of the Director of Intelligence with respect to the defense of the United States in the event of an armed attack.

President's View Cited

These changes have been outlined in the President's recent message to Congress. Kennedy stated that all forms of warfare from atomic attack through subversive warfare and civil defense should be coordinated in the Pentagon.

Three factors have led to this trend toward placing more emphasis on the professional armed services.

First, the realization of what must be regarded as a combination of warfare, subversive warfare and civil defense are now central to the security of the nation and therefore should be placed in the hands of the professional.

Second, the disappointing performance of the Central Intelligence Agency, which failed to detect the Cuban attack on Cuba last week, has led to a new emphasis on the military and the defense of the United States.

Third, the realization that the Central Intelligence Agency is not equipped to handle the defense of the United States in the event of an armed attack.

Confidence Is Shaken

There is no doubt that

President Kennedy

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by the fact that

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President Tells Leaders

This accounts for the fact that the President has told his leaders on Capitol Hill not only that he intends to transfer some of the Central Intelligence Agency's operational functions to the Defense Department but also that he intends to change the direction of the C. I. A. itself.

In fact, it is widely rumored here that while Allen W. Dulles, the present director of the C. I. A., is sitting on the board of inquiry into that agency's activities in the Cuban military operation, he has already told the President that his resignation is available at any time.

Mr. Dulles, who has been engaged in intelligence operations for the United States ever since World War I, has been head of the C. I. A. since early 1953, and he is widely known as the man who was in charge of the operation that led to the overthrow of the Cuban government in 1958. At least one source here has said that the President has been shaken by the fact that the Central Intelligence Agency has failed to detect the Cuban attack on Cuba last week.